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Dear Mr. Levitt:

I enjoy drinking seltzer water. I used to make my own with our own well water and CO₂ cartridges, but eventually that became much more expensive than buying it in 2-liter bottles at the supermarket. However, I am concerned that it might be made from city water drawn from some river and not as free of pesticides, heavy metals, and chlorination byproducts.as I want.

I think that consumers of any kind of bottled water or soft drink should be able to see on the label what the source of the water is, what treatment it has received, and where to send for a detailed report of remaining contaminants.

I have read that the FDA is thinking along these lines. I certainly hope that is correct and that you will take action soon.

Sincerely,

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